

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| Applicant | Hans-Wulf Pfeiffer |
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| Title of Application: | Method Of Increasing The Boundary Layer Strength On Surfaces Of Workpieces Made Of Brittle Hard Materials |
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| Examiner | John Hoffmann |

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Response to Official Action

In response to the Official Action of October 28, 2004, Applicant herewith presents its amendment and remarks. Please amend the specification and claims as detailed below.

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